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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ASD/I COINS Evaluation - Fifth Meeting

1. Attachment 1 is a list of participants at the Fifth Meeting of the ASD/I COINS Evaluation Review Group held at the Pentagon in Room 3C200 on 7 December 1972. Attachment 2 is a draft report of the COINS Working Group to the Automated Information Exchange Review Group. Attachment 3 is a NSA Preliminary List of files. Attachment 4 is a draft CIA COINS File Summary. Attachment 5 is a draft STATE COINS File Summary. Attachment 6 is a list of DIA Automated Files (including partial AFIN, NAVY, NPIC, NIC). Attachment 7 is a File Category Differences chart--COINS vs Non-COINS.

2. Dr. Malkin began the meeting with the observation that the last part of the paragraph on Objectives, Attachment 2, page 2 of the report, had a very negative tone. He then proceeded to discuss the report in general and certain parts in particular. The immediate concern of the participants was why the files that are available are not all-source in nature. Dr. Malkin asked why the files could not be all-source, and expressed the opinion that a one source approach is shear nonsense. He wanted to know the cause of the delay. Much discussion ensued pertaining to clearances, security problems,

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to get it out of the compartmented environment. There was discussion of priorities for information within the communtiy and an expresseion of need to get all files having community interest

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into the system. Dr. Malkin asked that a complete list of automated files be prepared and those not appropriate for community use be so identified. There was further discussion of priorities with an observation that relatively few files on COINS are geared to high priority items. It was pointed out that priorities should not be the only consideration in determining what should or should not be in COINS. The main thrust should be to include in COINS all files that are required by the community regardless of their priority. The introduction of high priority files into COINS only becomes an issue when the system has reached its full capacity, which is not the case now. [ ] pointed out that consideration should be given to getting other then OB types into COINS. He added that there have been spotty military crises which could have required military intervention such as the Cuban and Middle East ones. However, there have been situations over the past several years whereby having access to good automated economic files would have been most beneficial to US interests, for example, files pertaining to oil and wheat negotiations.

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3. The Working Group was asked to go back and examine in depth the two categories of the redundant files (Attachment 2, R-1 & R-2) and determine the degree of redundancy. The group chose to look at ground OB (fourth Cat. listed on R-1 and the last Cat. listed on R-2).

4. The multi-level security problem surfaced again and it was decided that ASD/I COINS Evaluation Group should discuss this matter with [ ]. The arrangements for this discussion are to be made through Mr. Bronson Tweedy and it was proposed that it occur on 20 December 1972.

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5. The next regularly scheduled meeting is 14 December at which time [ ] will arrange for the following briefings: Dr. Ed Adams of IBM on his analysis of the COINS systems; Mr. Arnold Dumey on system usage; and, a review of the Informatics statistical study effort.

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